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FESTIVAL OF EASTER ANCIENT

Custom Dates Back to the Pagan Days, Long Before the Time of the Crucifixion.

MANY ANCIENT CUSTOMS STILL

Present Custom of Hunting For Easter Eggs Comes From Ancient Association of Easter With the Egg.

The term Easter is of German origin, but the name by which the festival is designated from the beginning is Paschal, a name derived from the Hebrew. It commemorates the deliverance of the Jews from Egyptian bondage, when the destroying angel spared the first born of the Hebrews because their doors were marked by the blood of the Paschal lamb.

The Easter festival is the greatest in the Christian calendar; it is the climax of the events in the life of the Lord—his birth, his labors, his miracles, his betrayal, the bitterness of his agony at Gethsemane, and his cruel death on Calvary culminated in the victory we commemorate on this glorious day.

A Type of Deliverance. The church has always held that the miraculous deliverance of the Hebrew people from Egyptian bondage was the type and figure of the far greater deliverance which would follow, when Christ, our Paschal Lamb, would save us from eternal death.

The Christian Pasch was instituted on that night when Jesus, surrounded by his disciples at the last supper which he held with them, gave them under the form of bread and wine his body and his blood to drink.

The Day of Resurrection. The church, therefore, celebrates this day with more of joy and gladness and ceremony than any other in commemoration of the institution of that Christian Pasch, which means so much to humanity, for millions of her children.

Heaven Nations Celebrate the Day. In the Christian churches of all nations Easter is celebrated on the day on which the Great Teacher, Jesus, the Christ, rose from the dead and thereby consummated his divine plan of redeeming the human race. Since Easter is so indissolubly associated with the life of the founder of the Christian religion, one would naturally assume that it is a purely occidental festival, having its origin in the west and being confined in observance to Caucasian countries. Yet, strangely, in several of the countries of the Orient, in India, in Japan, in China, we find religious festivals bearing a wonderful resemblance—festivals that were observed by pious people thousands of years before the beginning of the Christian era laid the foundations of western civilization.

The festival of India analogous to the Christian Easter is called the "Feast of Buddha"; in Japan it is named the "Feast of the Higan," while in China they term the great spring time celebration "The Ancestral Worship." All these holidays have deep religious significance, for all have their origin in the spirit of thankfulness and rejoicing; that wherever man lives he has ever greeted the death of winter and the dawn of spring. In this sense Easter, the Higan, the Ancestral Worship, are all more than mere church days—they are man's spontaneous outpouring of gratitude to nature, alike beneficent mother of both occident and orient.

The Chinese Counterpart. A deep religious sentiment governs the Christian observance of Easter, and in that particular the Chinese ancestral worship is similar to it. The fifth commandment of the Christian religion is their first, "Thou shalt honor thy father and mother"; and no sin in the eyes of the pious Chinese is so heinous as that of disobedience or disrespect to parents. This filial piety is the fundamental virtue of the social life, and the respect which a son shows his father does not end with life, but is still shown to his memory long after his death. Nor is the deference merely an individual custom. Time has hallowed it into a great national festival.

It is called Tsing Ming, and occurs in the spring of the year. The Chinese do not make much ado about the death of a child or a young person, but when a father or mother dies, especially if they have grown old, great ceremony attends the burial from which proceeds one of the great common proverbs, "As much trouble as a funeral!"

Easter Festival of Great Age. The festival of Easter is much older than the resurrection of Jesus. Christianity not only converted the magnificent pagan temples, which it could not pull down, into churches, but it also adopted and adapted as many of the rites and ceremonies of heathen antiquity as were too deeply rooted in the habits and affections of the people to be eradicated. From the Greeks and the Romans the early Christians borrowed their emblems of resurrection and immortality—the Peacock and the Phoenix. The Easter egg, too, as a religious symbol, is as old as the pyramids of Egypt, and the primer of oriental philosophy, which taught that the world was hatched from an egg about the time of the vernal equinox. We read also that the Romans in early spring ran races in an oval—egg shaped arena—when the winner was presented with eggs accompanied with wishes that his noble family might increase and multiply. Christianity colored the egg red to remind the people of the blood shed for their redemption.

Paganism Transformed. That ceremonial Christianity is in a large measure paganism transformed or rejuvenated is admitted by the best scholars in the church as well as out of it—by cardinal Nicholas Wiseman and Baronius, as well as by Max Muller and Renan. "The church has borrowed many customs from the religion of the Romans and other pagans," says an ecclesiastical authority, "but it has ameliorated them." Another writes that "the pagan festivals laden with superstition were changed into the praiseworthy festivals of the martyrs." Still another defends the practice by saying: "It was permitted the church to transfer to pious uses these ceremonies which the pagans had wickedly applied in a superstitious worship."

"The Sun Is Risen." Ostera or Eostre, derived from "Ost," meaning east, was a Saxon goddess who presided over the luminous powers—which revived the earth and resuscitated life out of the shadow of darkness and the mold of the grave. It was the divinity whose face shown like the glory of the dawn and the brightness of the dawn;

her ambrosial breath made hill and dale fragrant and her smile shed beauty over every breaking hill and mossy vale. The people congregated in the fields to cheer her arrival in the skies, because she came to destroy the geni of winter darkness, sterility, storm and death, and to shake from her golden urn blessings upon man and beast alike. "The sun is risen," they shouted as they greeted one another and kissed and danced on the new grass. Our teutonic ancestors devoted eight days of April, which they called Ostermonat, to the worship of this beautiful goddess of life and love, perennial, whose arrow tipped with flame, had shot fresh hopes into their hearts. When Christianity converted the pagan Saxons instead of attempting to abolish this joyous festival it christened it into an institution of the church, preserving all its poetry and music—the flowers and the eggs, and only substituting Jesus, the "Sun of Righteousness," for Ostera, the Goddess of the East.

A Festival of Humanity. Easter then is a day in which Christianity and heathenism mingle, and we regard that as its most pleasing feature, because it lifts it from being merely a sectarian symbol into a festival of humanity. It demonstrates that all festivals have a common ancient source—the needs of the human

heart, and that all religions, instead of being miraculously given to any chosen people, spring out of the eternal soil of humanity.

Easter in Jerusalem. An event of Easter Sunday in Jerusalem is the ceremony commemorating the tradition of the rising of the celestial fire from the sepulcher of Christ.

The Greek patriarch enters the sanctuary of the sepulcher, the door closes behind him and the surging, tossing, tumultuous multitude await the coming of the fire.

Suddenly out of the right hand window in the wall of the sepulcher shoot flames of fire and in an instant every one of the thousands has produced a candle and dashes forward to light it at the mystic fire.

The light thus taken from the holy sepulcher is instantly carried to all the Christian villages round about Jerusalem and fleet footed young men vie with one another in being first to light their local shrines with the divine flames.

A writer in the Travel Magazine records having seen two rival runners put down their candles and indulge in a sanguinary battle with knives and sticks until the light of one of them is put out. There is no joke meant here; each is striving desperately to extinguish the flame of the other.

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Second in age, second in deposits and the second state bank in Texas in point of standing, the Rio Grande Valley Bank and Trust company is first in El Paso and the southwest in its banking house and appointments. The Rio Grande Valley bank is now at home to its patrons and friends in the new seven story reinforced concrete building, on Texas and Mesa avenue. Equal in equipment to any bank in the west or southwest, the Texas street institution now leads all other El Paso banks in the possession of a perfect banking house.

Four years old last October, the "Rio Grande Valley," as it is popularly called, has as its total resources \$1,750,000. Its deposits amount to \$1,500,000, and it has paid a semiannual dividend of 6 percent on the \$100,000 capital stock, since it was organized, in October, 1905. For the first four years of its career, the bank transacted its business in the Buckler building. But last fall the need for more room in which to handle the rapidly increasing business of the bank was apparent. Plans were ordered for a bank building which would be a credit both to the bank and to the city. The seven story reinforced concrete structure, which includes the head above the other buildings of the business district stands as a monument to the stability and security of the institution which it houses.

Marble Decorations. The entire Texas street and Mesa avenue fronts of the building are to be of Tennessee marble, extending up to the cornices above the first floor. At each side of the entrance to the bank proper there will be ornamental bronze lamps in the form of the cornucopia, and the lobby of the main office building is also to be of white marble with marble steps leading to the upper floors and to the bank lobby. Each step in the entire building is of marble, and the lobby of the bank is decorated with different shades of the finest architectural marble. The pedestals on each side of the entrance to the bank are of marble, while the lobby is also decorated in Verde antique marble, including the base of the columns. The counters are of the same material. The face of these counters is of Pavanaa marble and the four massive square columns are of oriental marble surmounted with stucco capitals. These are dark red and the three pillars opposite are of the same material and design. The floor of the lobby is ceramic mosaic tile.

Departments Segregated. The five cages are arranged in an arc of a circle, which encompasses the entire west side of the bank proper, facing on Mesa avenue, and permitting of easy access to all departments of the bank. Above these is the Mezzanine floor, on which is located the directors' room, bookkeeping and transfer departments, and the clearing house room. The Mezzanine floor is reached by means of steps leading from the work room of the bank, also from the lobby of the main building. To the left of this work room is the Safety Deposit Department, with a private entrance from the main lobby of the building. In this room are coupon and writing desks with suspended lights over them, and the room has convenient access to the safety deposit vault. A special cage is provided in the bank for the savings department, in accordance with the state law, and the paying, receiving, collection, note and other cages, like the savings department cage, are of polished brass with light mahogany woodwork and ground glass trimmings. These cages are all spacious and are conveniently arranged for the tellers to transact the bank business.

The Manager's Office. The manager's office is located in the northeast corner of the bank and is separated from the working room by an art glass and mahogany partition, with doors leading from the lobby and the work room. Like all of the bank furniture, this room is furnished with highly polished, light mahogany furniture, with rugs and furnishings in keeping. The desks of the cashier, assistant cashier and secretary adjoin the office of the manager, with a counter for transacting business with the bank's customers in the lobby. Three large mahogany desks occupy this part of the work room, which has a mahogany wainscoting and a leather upholstered window seat in the large window. The vaults are located on the west side of the working room and are fire and burglar proof, with steel doors which open into the work room.

Electric Fixtures. The electric lighting fixtures in the

bank are of art brass, with frosted glass globes, and three large chandeliers, each having clusters of seven lights, are suspended by means of brass chains from the ceiling. This ceiling is 23 feet high and is beamed. The windows are of the finest quality of French plate glass, and the art glass has been used effectively in the smaller doors and the window opening into the lobby of the bank. The bank lobby is tinted in cream and gray, with a stippled, Indian leather effect on the walls and face of the Mezzanine floor. Like the exterior of the bank building, the lobby is severely, although artistically plain, and is in keeping with the conservative policy of the bank.

The officers of the Rio Grande Valley Bank and Trust company are: Officers: W. W. Turner, president; Winchester Coffey, vice president and manager; H. E. Christie, secretary; S. T. Turner, vice president; W. E. Arnold, cashier; F. M. Murchison, assistant cashier.

Directors: A. Krakauer, W. W. Turner, S. T. Turner, Ernest Kohlberg, Winchester Coffey, W. N. Small, E. M. Bray, J. P. Pollard, W. E. Arnold, F. M. Murchison, H. E. Christie.

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Easter Is Over So Let's Settle Down

To Everyday Business

We know that most of El Paso's housekeepers have been more or less absorbed, the past month, in Easter clothes. Now that Easter is over, preparations for the summer are next in order.



Install a Gas Range

To go through an El Paso summer without the convenience of gas in your kitchen is a mistake. It is a well-known fact that to cook with gas is not only comfortable, cool and clean, but is also a real economy.

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Until next Friday, April 1st, we offer a special inducement to those who wish to purchase gas ranges on credit. Instead of the usual \$3.00 additional charge to credit customers, you can purchase at the regular cash price and pay on the easy payment plan. Don't overlook this chance to save \$3.00. Take the matter up with us the first thing Monday morning. We invite you to visit our show rooms, where various styles of gas ranges are on display. Or, our solicitor will be pleased to call at your house.

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Philadelphia and Return	94.00
Baltimore and Return	91.75
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ROCK ISLAND MAY RUN TO PACIFIC

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build the railroad. It is capitalized for \$100,000. The incorporators are Meade Goodloe, Orleans Longacre, Jr., Dwight J. Holdredge, Leo B. Mulhearn and Arthur W. Edwards.

When Col. Epea Randolph heard the news he hurried to Benson, where he is scheduled to meet president Lovett, of the Southern Pacific, for a conference. The El Paso & Southwestern is said to be working with the development company, and the fight between them and the Southern Pacific is to see which can first get into Altar, the enormously rich new placer mining and farming district, 150 miles south of Tucson.

Douglas business men have tried to get the Southern Pacific to build into their city, using a 13 mile spur. Walter Douglas, general manager of the Southern, is personally conducting operations around Tucson and will make reprisals on Tucson traffic if the Harri-

man crowd build to the city named after his father. The new Southern Pacific system into Mexico will complete its line into Tucson on May 1, and a feeder can tap the Altar district, toward which the Imperial copper crowd and the El Paso people have joined hands to reach and control a part of the Harri-

FLAG TO FLAG AUTO RACE TO START MAY 2

Automobilists, nation wide, are centering their interest on the flag to flag endurance and reliability contest between Denver and the City of Mexico. The speeders will pass through Amarillo, San Angelo and make Eagle Pass by way of San Antonio.

Departure from Denver will be made May 2. The route is of about 2500 miles. The initial pathfinding trip was made last May by a Chalmers-Detroit car driven by Billy Knipper. His route was only altered to avoid the Mexico desert.

FORUM TO MEET THE Y. M. C. A. TONIGHT

Following is the program of the Forum meeting at the Y. M. C. A. tonight: Address—"The Influence Literature Has Had on the Spread of the Gospel," Randolph Terry. "The Ballinger-Pinchot Controversy," F. P. Rankin, Jr. "The Value of Maintaining an Adequate Conservation Policy by the Government," H. C. Crawford. "The Influence of Forests on Climate and Floods," R. F. Davis.

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